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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON ITC CHAIRMANSIPS

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1. GENERAL US APPROACH TO ITC COMMITTEE WORK. WE BELIEVE THAT A REAL PROBLEM OF THE ITC STRUCTURE IS THE APPARENT WEAKNESS OF ITS COMMITTEE SYSTEM. AS GENERAL PRINCIPAL IN ITS ITC PARTICIPATION, THE US WOULD LIKE TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ROLE OF THE COMMITTEES SO THAT IN FUTURE THE COUNCIL WOULD ACT ON ALL SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSALS ONLY AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY THE RELEVANT COMMITTEES AND THE COMMITTEES HAVE MADE THEIR REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL. THIS WILL CALL FOR A STRENGTHENING OF THE COMMITTEES' ANALYTICAL CAPACITY AND CALL FOR MORE ACTIVITY ON THEIR PART. WE ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF COPAC

WHICH, WE BELIEVE, SHOULD SYSTEMATICALLY REVIEW AND REPORT ON ALL PROPOSALS FOR FLOOR AND CEILING PRICE CHANGES PRIOR TO COUNCIL ACTION. MOREOVER, WE WOULD LIKE MORE OVERALL ACTIVITY BY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IN REPORTING AND ANALYZING TRENDS IN PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF TIN, STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN INDUSTRY, AND NEW SOURCES OF TIN. COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS, WE BELIEVE, SHOULD ROUTINELY PROVIDE ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION BASED ON THE STATISTICAL DATA IT COMPILES. BY STRENGTHENING THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM AND BY ROUTINELY CHANNELING ALL PROPOSALS THROUGH THE COMMITTEES, WE BELIEVE THAT THOSE PROPOSALS THAT ARE EVENTUALLY CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL WILL BE TREATED MORE PROFESSIONALLY, WITH MORE EMPHASIS ON THE ECONOMIC REALITIES OF THE TIN INDUSTRY AND LESS ON THE POLEMICS OF PRODUCER ASPIRATIONS.

2. SPECIFIC GUIDANCE ON ITC CHAIRMANSIPS. (A) WE SUPPORT THE BRITISH POSITION THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP SHOULD GO TO THE CONSUMERS, AS WAS AGREED TO IN JULY, AND THAT THE UK SHOULD CHAIR THE COMMITTEE.

(B) WE ACCEPT VICE-CHAIRMAN AGIDE'S POSITION THAT PRODUCERS SHOULD BE GIVEN ONE OF THE CHAIRMANSIPS TRADITIONALLY HELD BY CONSUMERS IN EXCHANGE FOR THE SURRENDER OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP, BUT DO NOT BELIEVE THAT PRODUCERS SHOULD BE GRANTED COPAC CHAIRMANSHIP. ACCORDINGLY, IF IT IS AGREED THAT COPAC WILL REMAIN WITH CONSUMERS, US REP SHOULD SUPPORT A PRODUCER CHAIRMAN FOR COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

(C) IN THE EVENT THAT PRODUCERS GAIN CONTROL OF COPAC'S CHAIR, WE WOULD WANT A CONSUMER CHAIRMAN OF STATISTICS COMMITTEE, BUT HAVE NO PREFERENCE AMONG CONSUMERS. WE WOULD NOT BE INTERESTED IN ASSUMING THIS CHAIRMANSHIP.

(D) WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT COPAC CHAIRMANSHIP IF A CONSENSUS OF CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS DEVELOPS IN FAVOR OF US CHAIRMANSHIP. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE CHAIRMANSHIP BECOME INVOLVED IN POLITICAL STRUGGLE FOR CONTROL OF CHAIR, WE WOULD PASS CHAIR IN FAVOR OF ANOTHER CONSUMER, PREFERABLY THE CANADIANS.

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(E) SUGGEST THAT BEFORE YOU DISCUSS US CHAIRMANSHIP OF COPAC WITH EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN LAI YOU COORDINATE WITH CANADIAN REP BUCK TO ENSURE THAT HE IS PREPARED PASS COPAC CHAIR TO US. IF HE IS NOT PREPARED TO DO SO WE WOULD GO ALONG WITH CONTINUED CANADIAN CHAIRMANSHIP BUT WOULD WANT REPRESENTATION ON COPAC SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRICES.

(F) WE HAVE NO POSITION ON OTHER COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSIPS.

(G) PLEASE SEND BY CABLE COMPLETE AGENDA FOR COPAC
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